

Remarks/Arguments

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to supplement Applicants' Amendment filed on June 3, 2009. As a result of Applicants' June 3 Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12 and 13 were pending in the application. With this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 12 and have added new claims 13 and 14. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, and 12-14 are pending in the application.

Applicants' claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite that the paper has a filler content of above 20 wt% based on the total weight of the paper. Claim 12 has also been amended to be dependent on claim 1. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 12, as well as new claims 13 and 14, can be found in the originally filed application, for example, at page 6, lines 10-12. No new matter has been added.

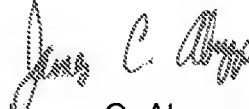
As disclosed in Applicants' specification, for example at page 6, lines 10-12, the paper as recited in claim 1 has an improved retention of the filler, thus having a filler content of above 20 wt% based on the total weight of the paper, which is higher than conventional papers. Consequently, as discussed at page 3, lines 6-7 of Applicants' specification, the combination of the cellulose ether and higher amount of filler content in the claimed paper product allows the highly filled paper to be produced more economically than conventional papers.

Accordingly, for the above-discussed reasons and those filed in the June 3, 2009 Amendment, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1 and 12 are patentable. Claims 13 and 14 are also patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 12, from which they respectively depend, are patentable, but may be separately patentable for additional reasons as well.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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